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REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER OF JUNE 15, 1978
TO TARENTIEV OF GOSSTROY:

"MR. IVAN IVANOVICH ISHCENKO, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, U.S.S.R.
STATE COMMITTEE FOR CONSTRUCTION AFFAIRS, 12 MARX AVENUE
MOSCOW, U.S.S.R. DEAR MR. ISHCENKO:

MAY I PLEASE REFER TO MY LETTER OF JUNE 12, 1978, IN
WHICH I IDENTIFIED THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION
TO THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR WORKING GROUP AND ADVISED
YOU THAT MRS. SIMONS, MRS. WOHL, AND MR. MELKONIAN
PLAN TO ACCOMPANY US.
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FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WE RECEIVED FROM INTOURIST,
WE CONTACTED A LOCAL TRAVEL AGENCY REPRESENTING INTOURIST
AND ASKED THAT THEY HANDLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR US. IN
RESPONSE TO THE AGENT'S ORDER TO INTOURIST, THEY RECEIVED
THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE: 'RE, DELEGATION FROM U.S. DEPART-
MENT OF HOUSING: PLEASE NOTE RESERVATIONS THROUGH GOSSTROY

PAYMENT UPON ARRIVAL IN CASH. INTOURIST 009729.'
IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE FROM THIS RESPONSE WHETHER
RESERVATIONS FOR BOTH HOTELS AND TRAVEL WITHIN THE
SOVIET UNION HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE THREE UNOFFICIAL
VISITORS WITH WHOM WE ARE CONCERNED, OR WHETHER INTOURIST
IS REFERRING ONLY TO THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION. I WOULD
APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD DETERMINE FOR ME WHETHER,
IN FACT, ALL OF THE APPROPRIATE RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN
MADE FOR OUR GUESTS AND LET ME KNOW.

YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE IS, AS ALWAYS, DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY, LAWRENCE B. SIMONS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY." NEWSOM

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